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SUBJ: TUNISIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN NIGER

1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING TO ORALLY BRIEF FOREIGN
MINISTER.

2. THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THE NIGER
COUP WAS MORE THAN WHAT ITS LEADERS PUBLICLY DESCRIBED AS
A PURELY INTERNAL AFFAIR. SPECULATION IN PARIS AND SOME
AFRICAN CAPITALS CENTERS ON ALLEGED NIGER ARMY DISSATIS-
FACTION WITH ASPECTS OF A MILITARY PACT RECENTLY SIGNED
WITH LIBYA. IT IS DOUBTFUL THE FRENCH WERE IN ANY WAY
INVOLVED WITH THE COUP, ALTHOUGH PARIS MAY HAVE HAD SOME
FOREKNOWLEDGE. OTHER SPECULATION FOCUSES ON A RECENT
INTERVIEW WITH DIORI, PUBLISHED IN JEUNE AFRIQUE, IN WHICH
THE FORMER PRESIDENT TALKS OF ENDING CONSCRIPTION AND
PUTTING THE ARMY TO WORK ON CIVIC PROJECTS -- TWO
POSSIBILITIES WHICH WOULD CLEARLY DISTURB NIGER'S
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PROFESSIONAL MILITARY OFFICERS. THE COUP WAS CAREFULLY

PLANNED AND SKILLFULLY EXECUTED; IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LONG
PREPARED CONTINGENCY MERELY AWAITING THE PROPER MOMENT.
PROBLEMS FAR LESS RIGOROUS THAN NIGER'S OVERWHELMING
DROUGHT HAVE TRIGGERED SIMILAR COUPS AMONG NIGER'S
NEIGHBORS. RUSH

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